

STRATFORD HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWS LETTER

JANUARY 1963

Next Meeting, January 25
Christ Church Hall

Stratford Yesterday and Today Illustrated. Mr. Knapp, Mr. Beach and Mr. Miller have done a lot of work to put this program together and I am sure it will be one of the most interesting and educational programs we have had in a long time.

Our ever active acquisition committee will have something unusual to show and tell us about. Mr. Fowler is bubbling over with news on the progress of his committee on the Judson House parlor restoration.

MUSEUM BUILDING

Mrs. Bunnell and her building committee have been working diligently investigating possibilities, costs and needs for a new addition to our Museum building.

A few months ago our building was written up nationally and we have had many inquiries on it. The Danbury society is planning a new building and has looked over and studied our building. Last Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Fowler, Mrs. Johnson and I spent an interesting afternoon with the building committee of the New Canaan Society. They plan to have a delegation down to see our building to fit it into their plans.

GIFTS

The holiday season did not pass by without the society being remembered with substantial gifts:

Mrs. Fowler reported a gift of \$100.00 from Miss Catherine Judson to be used as the society sees fit. Mrs. Fowler reported another gift of \$150.00 from the Lillian Gish Foundation of New York; Mr. Harold C. Lovell mailed to your president a gift to the Society of \$250.00 from The Stratford Trust Company to be used for the restoration of the Judson House parlor or the Astor piano; Mr. Lovell also sent his personal check for \$100.00, a gift from Mrs. Lovell and himself to be used in any way the governing body so wishes.

All gifts have been acknowledged with thanks and forwarded to our treasurer, Mr. Sanborn, for deposit to proper accounts.

500 YEARS OF PAID DUES

Did you know that, by being a permanent member of the society, your dues are paid in full for the next 500 years or for the life of the society, whichever is shorter! Yes, by being a permanent member, you support the work of the society financially long after you stop doing so physically. \$100.00 pays for your permanent membership. The society cannot spend this capital fund. Your finance committee keeps it properly invested, and the income supports the society and pays your dues forever! Think about it!

HELP

Mrs. Richardson, for her house committee, needs good, strong, clean cotton rags, the brighter the better, to make a new stair carpet runner for the front stairs in Judson House. The committee will also need help to cut and sew the strips before